

ERP No. F-AFS-L65234-ID Hobo Cornwall Project Area Timber Sale and Ecosystem Management Plan, Implementation, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, St. Joe Ranger District, Shoshone County, ID.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS has been completed and the project found to be satisfactory. EPA had no objection to the preferred alternative as described in the EIS.

ERP No. F-BLM-J01075-WY North Rochelle Mine, Application for Federal Coal Lease (WYW127221), Special-Use Permits and NPDES Permit, Campbell County, WY.

Summary: The Final EIS responds to concerns and recommendations expressed by EPA's comments on the draft EIS. EPA agreed that the preferred alternative, Alternative A, can be implemented without significant impact to the environment.

ERP No. F-BLM-J67023-UT Lisbon Valley Copper Project, Plan of Operations Approval for an Open Pit Copper Mine and Heach Operation in Lower Lisbon Valley, San Juan and Grand Counties, UT.

Summary: The Final EIS addresses comments raised by EPA in the draft EIS on water management and monitoring. EPA is still concerned about potential groundwater ponding in the mine pits and adverse effects on migrating water fowl, and the adequacy of the bond post mining.

ERP No. F-USN-L11030-ID Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC), Acoustic Research Detachment (ARD), Carderock Division (CD), Capital Improvements Plan, Implementation, in the Town of Bayview, Kootenai County, ID.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS has been completed and the project found to be satisfactory. EPA had no objection to the preferred alternative as described in the EIS.

Dated: June 24, 1997.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5481-1]

Designation of an Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site (ODMDS) Offshore Port Everglades Harbor, FL and an ODMDS Offshore Palm Beach Harbor, FL; Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the final designation of an ODMDS offshore Port Everglades Harbor, Florida and an ODMDS offshore Palm Beach Harbor, Florida.

PURPOSE: The U.S. EPA, Region 4, in accordance with Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, will prepare a Draft EIS on the designation of an ODMDS offshore Port Everglades Harbor, Florida and an ODMDS offshore Palm Beach Harbor, Florida. An EIS is needed to provide the information necessary to designate an ODMDS. This Notice of Intent is issued Pursuant to Section 102 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, and 40 CFR Part 228 (Criteria for the Management of Disposal Sites for Ocean Dumping).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO BE PLACED ON THE PROJECT MAILING LIST

CONTACT: Mr. Christopher McArthur, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, phone 404-562-9391 or Mr. Rea Boothby, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, Planning Division, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, Florida 32232-0019, phone 904-232-3453.

SUMMARY: The entrance channel and turning basin of Port Everglades Harbor must receive periodic maintenance dredging to ensure safe navigation. The dredged material has been disposed of at an interim ODMDS for Port Everglades Harbor in the past. Designation of a Port Everglades Harbor ODMDS is being evaluated to determine the most feasible and environmentally acceptable ocean disposal site for anticipated future dredging. The Palm Beach Harbor Federal Project navigation channel must receive periodic maintenance dredging to ensure safe navigation. The dredged material has been disposed of at an interim ODMDS for Palm Beach Harbor in the past. Designation of a Palm Beach Harbor

ODMDS is being evaluated to determine the most feasible and environmentally acceptable ocean disposal site for anticipated future dredging.

NEED FOR ACTION: The Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, has requested that EPA designate an ODMDS offshore Port Everglades Harbor, Florida and an ODMDS offshore Palm Beach Harbor, Florida for the disposal of dredged material from the Port Everglades Harbor and Palm Beach Harbor areas, respectively, when ocean disposal is the preferred disposal alternative. An EIS is required to provide the necessary information to evaluate alternatives and designate the preferred ODMDSs.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. No action. The no action alternative is defined as not designating an ocean disposal site.

2. Alternative disposal sites in the nearshore, and shelf break regions.

SCOPING: A scoping meeting is not contemplated. Scoping will be accomplished by correspondence with affected Federal, State and local agencies, and with anticipated interested parties.

ESTIMATED DATE OF RELEASE: The Draft EIS will be made available in January 1998.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: John H. Hankinson, Jr., Regional Administrator, Region 4.

Dated: June 24, 1997.

Richard E. Sanderson,

Director, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5481-2]

Designation of an Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site (ODMDS) Offshore Port Royal, SC; Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the final designation of an ODMDS offshore Port Royal, South Carolina.

PURPOSE: The U.S. EPA, Region 4, in accordance with Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District, will prepare a Draft EIS on the designation of an ODMDS